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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to commencing the Examination of the above-described patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks

No request for extension of time, and no other fee beyond those provided in the Papers, if any, that accompany this Preliminary Amendment are believed to be required for consideration of this Paper. In the event, however, that the Commissioner determines that a fee is required in connection with this submission, please accept this submission as providing a request for such extension, and as authorization for charging such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Amendments

In the Specification:

At page 1, immediately after line 3, please insert the following:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications:

This application is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial No. 08/141,833, filed on August 28, 1998 (now pending), which application claims priority from Provisional Application No. 60/056,292 (filed September 3, 1997), Provisional

